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**Teachers: Please complete the areas in yellow on page 3, or use only the first two pages of this organizer, and distribute to your students**

**Assignment Organizer**

**Grades 4-5**

**Spring 2020**

**As part of The Stock Market Game you can participate in a fun national writing competition, InvestWrite. Dozens of students around the country win every semester. Check out the prizes and see more information on the website at** [**www.investwrite.org**](http://www.investwrite.org)

**To Think About First In The Stock Market Game, you might have used *Fun Facts* and research to guide your portfolio selections. Financial professionals also use facts and conduct research about the financial markets to make good decisions for their clients.**

**Writing Assignment** **What are the three most important things you should research before investing in a stock, a mutual fund, and/or a bond? Using this kind of research, choose two investments that you think are good long-term investments (stocks, mutual funds, bonds, or a combination) and explain why you think each one is a wise choice for you. In your essay, describe something you have learned in The Stock Market Game (maybe your very own Fun Facts!) that you think will help you have a brighter financial future.**

**Writing Organizer**

**What are the most important things you should research before investing** in stocks, bonds, mutual funds? Using your experience in the Stock Market Game, **think of three?**

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In this essay, you will **choose two investments** you think are good for the long-term. (stocks, mutual funds, bonds, or a combination) Select two and **explain why each is a wise choice for you.**

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Think about and describe what a bright financial future means to you as you will write about that in the essay. **Describe something you have learned in the Stock Market Game that will help you have a brighter financial future.** (Maybe create your very own “Fun Fact/s” about investing and what you’ve learned that will help make your financial future better.)

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**Due Dates:**

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**Participation is voluntary/required/extra credit.**

* **Teachers please adapt the table above for your needs.**
* **Please NOTE the essay submission deadline is**

**Friday, April 24, 2020.**

**COMPLETE INFORMATION AND AWARDS CAN BE FOUND AT:**

**www.investwrite.org**

**Judging Criteria**

Judges of the InvestWrite competition will base their decisions on your **rationale, understanding of the subject matter,** and **writing style.** They will ask themselves the following questions as they review your essay submission:

**Rationale**

* Is your essay well organized?
* Do you address all the elements of the question in your essay?
* Have you written clearly when you described details?
* Have you omitted unnecessary details?

**Understanding the Subject Matter**

* Are the words and terms you include in your essay used correctly?
* Will your statements make sense to a judge who is reading your essay?
* Have you described your strategies clearly?
* Do you talk about how the things you learned in the Stock Market Game relate to what you wrote in your essay?

**Writing Style**

* Did you make your essay easy for the judges to read?
* Will the judges be able to see your creative side when they read your essay?
* Will judges who read your essay be interested and want to read to the end?
* Have you used proper punctuation and good grammar?
* Have you carefully worked on your drafts to make your final essay as good as it can be?
* Did you work on this essay without too much help from your teacher or an adult? Your essay should be in your very own personal writing style!

**Rules and Guidelines**

Essays need to meet all the guidelines before the deadline. Failure to meet the guidelines will result in disqualification.

* Each student in the 4-5 grade division may submit only one entry with a maximum of **800** words and a minimum of **300** words.
* This is an individual project. Group discussion is encouraged but **essays must be written and submitted by individual students.**
* If a title is chosen it must appear at the top of the first page of the text.
* The student author’s name **CANNOT** appear in the essay or title. Identification of the student or teacher in the essay will result in disqualification.
* If references are cited, include them at the end of the essay text.
* References must be formatted without footnotes. At the end of the essay simply list each source as: (Author. “Title”. Date. URL).
* Only the body of the essay will be included in the word count. The title and references will not count in the word limit.
* **Essays in PDF format cannot be accepted**. All essays need to be in a format that can be cut and pasted to the InvestWrite website.
* All essays must be submitted in plain text; no charts, graphs or symbols will be accepted.

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